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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Kenichi ITO et al.
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For: **MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC MEMORY APPARATUS**
Art Unit: 2818
Examiner: Tu Tu V. Ho

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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September 7, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 040721) dated on August 4, 2004, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-10).

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application.

In response to the restriction requirement (Paper No. 040721), in which the Examiner indicates that two (2) groups of inventions are being claimed; namely Group I (claims 1-10) drawn to a magnetic memory apparatus and a method of using thereof, allegedly classified in class 257, subclass 295 and 421 and Group II (claims 11-12) drawn to a method of making a magnetic recording medium, allegedly